GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAIL LINK BETWEEN SHEGAON AND JALANA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no rail link between Shegaon and Jalana to connect the people of Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the number of times survey has been conducted to connect Shegaon/Khamgaon with Jalana directly;

(c) the result of each survey and the reasons for not initiating the construction work of railway line between Shegaon and Jalana;

(d) the time by which the Government propose to construct the above rail line; and

(e) the number of on-going rail line projects which are unremunerative alongwith the details reasons/ compulsion for their construction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Shegaon and Jalna are connected by rail links via Purna- Akola and via Manmad- Bhusawal.

(b): Survey for new line to provide direct connection between Khamgaon and Jalana (155 km) have been conducted twice, first time in 1994 and updating in 2001.

(c) &(d): The results of surveys were as under:-

Year	Approx. Cost	Rate of return
1994	228.15 Cr.	(-) 1.56%
2001	465 Cr.	(-) 2.01%

Keeping in view constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects, it has not been found feasible to consider sanctioning of the proposed line.

(e): A total of 73 unremunerative new line projects are in progress. Government have approved these projects mainly on socio-economic considerations with an aim to provide rail connectivity to backward, remote, hilly and other underdeveloped areas.